



# Product Evaluation

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Engineering Services Program

*The following product has been evaluated for compliance with the wind loads specified in the International Residential Code (IRC) and the International Building Code (IBC).*

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**Evaluation ID:** CWSF-55

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2017

**Re-evaluation Date:** July 2021

**Product Name:** Series 900RW Thermal Aluminum Storefront Ribbon Window, Non-Impact Resistant

**Manufacturer:** Tubelite, Inc.  
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## General Description:

The Series 900RW is a thermally broken, aluminum frame, storefront ribbon window used for commercial installations. This evaluation report includes the following storefront assemblies:

- 900RW Thermal Ribbon Window

**Product Identification:** A Tubelite, Inc. label will be affixed to the storefront assembly.

- **Products Installed in Accordance with Drawing No. TDI-900RW:** The label includes the manufacturer's name (Tubelite, Inc.); the product name (Ribbon Window Series 900RW); that the design pressure and maximum size are per drawing TDI-900RW; and that the product complies with ASTM E 330.

## Limitations:

### Design Drawings:

Ribbon window assemblies must comply and be installed in accordance with the following design drawing:

- Drawing No. TDI-900RW, "Tubelite Series 900RW Thermal Ribbon Window," Sheets 1 thru 4 of 4, dated August 22, 2016, signed and sealed by Lucas A. Turner, P.E on October 11, 2016. This evaluation report refers to the stated drawings as the approved drawings.

**Fabrication and Assembly:** Tubelite, Inc. aluminum storefront ribbon window systems are fabricated in the factory. The aluminum storefront ribbon window systems are assembled and glazed at the jobsite. The approved drawings referenced in this evaluation report indicate the options for the glazing construction.

**Design pressure (DP):**

- The aluminum storefront ribbon window system has a design pressure rating of  $\pm 40$  psf.
- If the aluminum storefront ribbon window system is used with doors, then the design pressure rating of the complete assembly will be the lesser of the allowable design pressure rating for the doors and the aluminum storefront ribbon window system in this evaluation report.

**Impact Resistance:**

- The aluminum storefront ribbon window system does not satisfy TDI's criteria for protection from windborne debris. These assemblies require an impact protective system when installed in areas where windborne debris protection is required.

**Acceptance of Other Assemblies:**

- Assemblies must not exceed the daylight opening widths and heights shown on the approved drawings.
- Doors used with these assemblies must be listed in separate TDI product evaluation reports.

**Installation Instructions:**

**General:** Prepare and install the assembly in accordance with the Tubelite published installation Instructions and the approved drawings specified in this evaluation report. Detailed installation instructions are available from Tubelite, Inc.

**Installation:**

**Wall Framing Construction:** The aluminum storefront system may be secured to several types of wall framing construction. Refer to the approved drawings for specific wall framing construction requirements.

**Fastener Requirements:**

- Refer to the approved drawings for the anchor layout and notes.
- Refer to the approved drawings for the minimum embedment depths for the fasteners and the minimum edge distances (minimum distance fastener must be from the edge of the substrate material) for the fasteners.

**Note:** Keep the manufacturer's installation instructions and the approved drawings available at the job site during installation. Use corrosion resistant fasteners as specified in the IRC, the IBC, and the Texas Revisions.